

ALWTRT Meeting Strategy
April 28-30, 2003

Monday- AM- (½ day)- Full ALWTRT meeting: discuss strategy for next few days (e.g. process for small group discussions, development of recommendations or review of issues discussed), report on events since last TRT meeting, schedule for next steps, etc.

Monday-PM- (½ day)- Coastal pot/trap subgroup discussions. Includes discussion of coastal pot/trap fisheries (i.e. except those that operate in Lobster Management Area 3 or other offshore areas in the Southeast Region) including lobster, conch/whelk, tautog, black sea bass, hagfish, shrimp, Jonah crab, etc.

Tuesday-AM- (½ day)- Continue coastal pot/trap subgroup discussions.

Tuesday-PM- (½ day)- Offshore pot/trap subgroup discussions. Includes discussion of offshore pot fisheries (i.e. those that operate in Lobster Management Area 3 or other offshore areas in the Southeast Region) including lobster, Jonah crab, red crab, black sea bass, hagfish, etc.

Wednesday-AM- (½ day)- Gillnet subgroup discussions. Includes discussion of northeast, mid-Atlantic and south Atlantic gillnet fisheries.

Wednesday-PM- (½ day)- Full ALWTRT meeting to discuss subgroup recommendations or review of issues discussed. (Finish by 5PM)

NOTE: If requested at the subgroup meeting, each subgroup can break out on a regional basis.

Rooms will be available in the evening if subgroup members would like to continue discussions in the evenings. Additionally, rooms will be available for TRT members who do not need to participate in a particular subgroup meeting but would like to meet on other issues or topics.

A draft agenda will be sent in advance of the meeting which will incorporate TRT member's suggested agenda topics. This will include presentations by Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and Maine Department of Natural Resources on recent gear studies funded through state programs, as well as Canada Fisheries and Oceans with an update on the status of shipping and fishing regulations to protect large whales.

TRT meetings are open to the public.